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FROM : Senior Representative, [REDACTED] E/A

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MEMORANDUM

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TO : Senior Representative, [REDACTED] F

FROM : Chief, [REDACTED] G

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Research Plans J

REFERENCES: (a) Letter of Instructions, [REDACTED] J  
(b) DIR 36013  
(c) DIR 36527  
(d) Exercise [REDACTED] J

1. To fulfill the objectives and tasks of [REDACTED] as originally outlined in the Letter of Instructions to [REDACTED] issued by Headquarters, Washington, the following research plans pertaining to [REDACTED] projected field operations and activities are hereby submitted. J

2. Project outlines, for each activity of substantial proportion to warrant one, will be prepared following the format set forth in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is fully cognizant of the fact that Headquarters' approval is required prior to field implementation of any anticipated [REDACTED] operational activity. J

3. [REDACTED] Research Plans. J

A. [REDACTED] I J

(1) General Field of Hypnosis (Submitted as Project [REDACTED] I). J

(a) A continuing survey, collection, evaluation and analysis of the available literature in the [REDACTED] pertaining to hypnosis and allied subjects is to be performed by [REDACTED] J F/I

(b) The observation, documentation and evaluation of all known stage hypnotists and others who conduct hypnosis through the medium of the native languages must also be performed by [REDACTED] J

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(c) The laborious development of applicable hypnotic methods and techniques with reference to the different racial groups, namely [redacted] and [redacted] is to be done with the assistance of linguistically qualified and psychologically oriented personnel in the [redacted]. It will be based on the peculiar requirements related to language, racial and cultural background and philosophy of each ethnic group. If any [redacted] personnel is deemed suitable for training, [redacted] will train the individual in the appropriate techniques and methods required.

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(d) [redacted] Field Operational Activity F  
(Submitted as Project 12).

Under proper and logical cover, the application of the appropriate hypnotic methods and techniques in the native language, [redacted], to unwitting indigenous patients can be handled through [redacted] dispensary to determine the degree of effectiveness of these methods and techniques. In turn, it will furnish invaluable information that is not available at the present time. Only hypnotic techniques, without the use of drugs, and within the scope of acceptable medical therapeutic practices to the patient will be utilized. Once the maximum benefits have been reaped from these unwitting subjects, attention can then be directed towards witting subjects by means of planned operational experiments and exercises, such as the anticipated field terminal demonstrations.

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(e) Field terminal demonstrations. (Submitted as Project 13).

As originally envisioned within the scope of [redacted], field terminal demonstrations are still contemplated and anticipated within the projected activities of [redacted]. This is based on the availability of participating personnel from [redacted] and Headquarters and the completion of preliminary research and operational activities within the domestic elements of [redacted]. Keeping in mind the security and political implications of such sensitive activities, only those terminal demonstrations deemed feasible within the existing operational assets of [redacted] will be attempted. The basic requirements as set forth in Exercise [redacted] are still valid and sound.

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2. [REDACTED] II J

(1) Communist Indoctrination (Brainwashing).  
(Submitted as Project [REDACTED] II) J

F [REDACTED] (a) A resume of all available data in the geographical area relating to Communist Indoctrination (Brainwashing) is to be prepared by [REDACTED] J

(b) Of great value is the information that is obtainable from individuals now actively undergoing "Brainwashing." Many of these people are continually traveling in and out of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] for various and sundry purposes. Interviews and follow-ups of these individuals will be invaluable in contributing towards the analysis and evaluation of the techniques known as "Brainwashing," so that, in turn, countermeasures may be developed to resist its efforts and to sustain motivation in the face of such stress and subtle influences. F/I

(c) The compilation, correlation and evaluation of existing information contained in case officers' and agents' debriefings and that available in operational files in the [REDACTED] pertinent to any special methods used by friendly or opposition countries in influencing people under their control will be conducted by [REDACTED] J F/I

(d) In order to furnish information that will offer a better working understanding of the individual that is functioning as an agent, and to furnish the basis on which to create within him, the agent, a valuable and long-lasting motivation impervious to lapse of time and/or direct psychological attacks through subtle influences by the enemy, a mass psychometric testing and psychiatric evaluation program will be applied to the different ethnic groups in the [REDACTED] namely, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. F/I

F/I (I) [REDACTED] (Project Iia), [REDACTED] (Project Iib) and [REDACTED] (Project Iic). F

(2) It is envisioned that the majority of work in the testing program will be performed by qualified indigenous professional personnel under a logical and proper cover that will exclude any [REDACTED] interest or reference. J

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(bb) In conjunction with the above testing programs, specific requirements and/or interests of allied activities, such as assessment and evaluation requirements of [redacted] and problems peculiar to [redacted] can be phased into the basic research plan of these testing programs. J

(a) [redacted], Escape and Evasion School (Project IID). F/I

(I) The [redacted] conducts an Escape and Evasion School under the auspices of the Director of Intelligence, located at [redacted]. Special emphasis is placed on a simulated Communist indoctrination course based on that conducted in the [redacted] prison camps. Two classes per month, composed of approximately sixty (60) [redacted] personnel located in the [redacted] are subjected to stress factors closely related to those conducted in the [redacted] prison camps. F/I

(II) With the cooperation of the [redacted], a psychometric testing and psychiatric evaluation can be applied to students undergoing the Escape and Evasion course. It is felt that valuable information can be obtained by testing and evaluating the students prior to entrance into the course, observation of the students' reaction during the course and re-testing at the completion of the course. The information derived from such a program will furnish the basis for developing and/or improving the countermeasures that will enable [redacted] individuals to better withstand the effects of "Brainwashing," and to sustain motivation in the face of such stress and subtle influences. J F/I

C. [redacted] III J

(1) Marcoanalysis.

(a) At present, [redacted] is fully prepared to cooperate and render operational support as required through the use of appropriate drugs and/or hypnosis. Information can be extracted from a subject voluntarily or involuntarily with a maximum possibility of complete amnesia of the whole procedure conducted to secure that information. This would be truly applicable to indigenous individuals presently held in isolation or custody because J

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of the inability to make a final determination as to their true loyalty and/or interests. Also, operationally, this would be an adjunct to the interrogation procedures and techniques now in effect. Because the application of these techniques and procedures fall within the scope of the ARTICHOKE program, no operation of this nature will be undertaken without the concurrent approval of Chief,

J of [redacted] (b) [redacted] can fulfill the requirements of [redacted] in field testing selected drugs on control groups under standardized and favorable conditions. This would be contingent upon specific requirements requested by [redacted]

D. [redacted] IV J

(1) Ancillary Activities

(a) Interviewing. Interviewing as many case officers as possible in the [redacted] with respects to their agent handling problems; how they cope with these problems; if unable to cope with these problems, what arrangements were made to offset these problems; and other similar questions. The ultimate goal is the compilation and correlation of the interview material obtained into a training manual for case officers involved in the handling of indigenous agents in the [redacted] F/I

(b) Reviewing. The operational files and the existing information accumulated in the [redacted] will be reviewed with special emphasis placed on instances of undue stress, such as enforced and prolonged physical isolation — both individual and group; problems of agent disposal, social and unusual sexual problems within operational activities and other similar instances. F/I

4. It must be emphasized that the primary problem involved in conducting a program as set forth herein is that only trained, competent and experienced personnel can be utilized. The old adage "Quality above quantity" applies more than ever. It has been shown from past experience that personnel, although competently trained, but unqualified operationally, were greatly handicapped and helpless in their efforts. Unless such personnel is furnished in adequate numbers from Headquarters, it is highly improbable that a research plan of this magnitude and complexity can be successfully carried out to completion.

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5. To minimize the needless expenditure of effort and money, there is a pressing need for cooperation, coordination and mutual agreement between the domestic elements and the field. There must be a constant exchange of ideas, knowledge and basic frames of reference between the two to stimulate productive thinking in associated and allied scientific fields of investigation and to provide adequate operational planning and programming within this type of activity.

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